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Please amend the claims as follows (all claims are shown for context and clarity):

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1. (AMENDED FOUR TIMES) A method of

compressing a digital image having at least three textures to reduce the amount of storage space required for holding it prior to a time when the image is to be displayed, comprising:

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generating a bitmap representing only boundaries separating regions in said image, said boundaries comprising pixels of said image, at least one of said regions comprising pixels of said image;

generating a pointer for each of said regions, each of said pointers associating its respective region with one of said textures; and

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